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**Expedited Procedure Requested
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: CHEN et al.

Application No.: 09/630,121

Filed: August 1, 2000

For: THERMOPLASTIC PLANKS AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: W. P. WATKINS, III

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4/24/03**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 11, 2003

Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before April 14, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 34-36 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendment and consideration of the remarks presented below are requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. No claim amendments are presented. The claims cancelled place the application in condition for allowance or in a better condition for appeal. No